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COUNTRY CUBA

DATE OF INFO. MID-DECEMBER 1963 - EARLY FEBRUARY 1964

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SUBJECT

CUBAN GOVERNMENT POLICY REGARDING THE GUANTANAMO
NAVAL BASE

PLACE &
DATE ACQ.

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1. THE POLICY AMONG HIGH-LEVEL CUBAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AT LEAST UNTIL MID-DECEMBER 1963, WAS TO INSURE THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN AGAINST THE GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE WHICH WOULD PROVOKE MILITARY REACTION BY THE UNITED STATES. RAUL CASTRO, IN PARTICULAR, GAVE EXPLICIT INSTRUCTION TO THE MILITARY TO AVOID ANY INCIDENTS.

2. FIDEL CASTRO'S RECENT PRECIPITANT ACTION IN CUTTING OFF THE WATER SUPPLY TO THE BASE CAUSED SOME CONCERN AMONGST CUBAN OFFICIALS ABROAD WHO FEARED THE ACTION MIGHT CAUSE U.S. MILITARY RETALIATION. THIS CONCERN QUICKLY DISSOLVED WHEN IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT THE U.S. WOULD TAKE NO ACTION.

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3. [REDACTED] CASTRO'S ONLY PURPOSE IN CUTTING OFF THE WATER SUPPLY WAS TO PROVE TO THE CUBAN PEOPLE AND OTHER LATIN AMERICANS, THAT HE COULD INSULT THE U.S. AND GET AWAY WITH IT. IN THIS HE WAS SUCCESSFUL, AND AS A RESULT INCREASED HIS PRESTIGE BOTH INSIDE CUBA AND THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA.

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4. [REDACTED] DISSEM: CINCLANT.

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